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SUBJECT: PLO STOCKHOLM OFFICE BEGINS OPERATIONS

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1. STOCKHOLM PRESS JANUARY 14 GIVES PROMINENT COVERAGE TO ACTIVITIES OF RECENTLY OPENED PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION INFORMATION OFFICE IN STOCKHOLM. OFFICE HAS BEEN FUNCTIONING AT TULEGATAN 49 VASASTAN DISTRICT OF STOCKHOLM SINCE DECEMBER. CURRENT PRESS ATTENTION APPEARS STIMULATED BY ISSUANCE JANUARY 13 OF PRESS RELEASE RE PLO "STRUGGLE AGAINST ZIONISM."

2. IN DECEMBER, PLO INFORMATION OFFICE DIRECTOR DAOUDKALUTI CIRCULATED NOTE TO MANY BUT NOT ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN STOCKHOLM, ADROITLY IMITATING THE DIPLOMATIC LANGUAGE OF A NEW AMBASSADOR ARRIVING TO TAKE UP CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH HIS COLLEAGUES IN OTHER MISSIONS.

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS KALUTI, AGE 34, HAS LIVED IN SWEDEN SINCE 1962 AND IS SWEDISH CITIZEN. KALUTI WAS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED AND INTERROGATED DURING VISIT TO JERUSALEM IN FALL OF 1972. KALUTI TOLD PRESS THAT PLO "HAS REPRESENTATIONS" AT DIPLOMATIC LEVEL IN "EASTERN BLOC" AND IN FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, US, JAPAN, AS WELL AS IN MOST AFRICAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES.

4. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES ABOUT THE OPENING OF THE PLO OFFICE, AN MFA SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE OFFICE WILL HAVE NO OFFICIAL STATUS. PRESS SPOKESMAN IS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS: "TO START WITH, PLO IS NOT RPT NOT A STATE. WE (THE GOS) HAVE NO RELATIONS WITH THE PLO SINCE IT IS NOT A GOVERNMENT. WE RECOGNIZE STATES AND ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE IN CONTROL OF THEIR TERRITORY. THE PLO DOES NOT MEET ANY OF THESE STANDARDS."

5. PRESS HAS FEATURED SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORY REPORTS THAT (A) ANY FOREIGN MOVEMENT OR AGENCY IS FREE TO SET UP AN INFORMATION OFFICE IN STOCKHOLM WITHOUT ASKING PERMISSION OF SWEDISH AUTHORITIES, BUT THAT (B) ARRANGEMENTS FOR OPENING OF PLO OFFICE IN STOCKHOLM WERE FIRST NEGOTIATED BETWEEN PLO AND SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVES IN BEIRUT.

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6. PLO PRESS RELEASE OF JANUARY 13 ASSERTS THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE PLO'S ACTIVITIES IS TO UPHOLD THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINE PEOPLE. IT ADDS: "OUR STRUGGLE IS DIRECTED AGAINST ZIONISM, THE IDEOLOGY WHICH IS A RACIST WAY DECLARES THAT PALESTINE SHOULD BE A EXCLUSIVE JEWISH STATE WHERE THE PALESTINIANS LACK BOTH THE RIGHT TO SETTLE AND RIGHTS AS CITIZENS. ANY STATEMENT THAT THE PLO OR ANY OTHER MEMBER ORGANIZATION HAVE AS ITS GOAL TO DRIVE OUT THE JEWS FROM

PALESTINE IS DEEPLY OFFENSIVE TO THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE."

7. EMBASSY POUCHING TO DEPARTMENT TEXT OF DAGENS NYHETER
INTERVIEW WITH KALUTI.
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